

Remarks

Entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is requested because it cancels claims and complies with requirements of form presented in the final Office Action mailed on May 17, 2004.

The undersigned attorney had a telephone conference with Examiner Leo on June 9, 2004. The Examiner's time and courtesies are acknowledged and appreciated.

The rejected claims were discussed in light of the cited art. As amended, claim 1 deletes the reference to cancelled claim 20 and calls for ". . . a plurality of thermal breaks, each comprising a slit with displaced opposing edges so that the medium may pass therebetween, the breaks having a length exceeding one convolution, the slit being cut without the removal of material by teeth in intermeshing forming rolls from the serpentine fins and louvers in one pass through the forming rolls". (Emphasis added.)

As explained in the interview and in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 mailed on February 20, 2004:

The slit 50 is formed between the first and second upper and lower folds and the first and second walls. Thus, viewed from the side, a slit 50 is shown with displaced opposing edges . . ." Specification, p. 8, ll. 7-8. (Emphasis added.)

"When the edges of the slit are separated (see Figure 2(e)), the slit inhibits the flow of heat energy across its width . . ." Amendment, 2/20/04, p. 9.

Thus, the term "displaced" means displaced (vertically, i.e., in a direction which is generally perpendicular to the flow of a medium such as air) that passes therethrough.

As thus explained and disclosed as depicted in the Specification, there is no corresponding disclosure or suggestion in any reference of record.

All formal and substantive requirements of patentability appear to have been met. A Notice of Allowability is therefore requested.

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